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case of diphtheria, 1 case of enteric fever, 4 cases of smallpox and 4 deaths. The cholera cases include 4 of those occurring on the steamship *Riojun Maru* and mentioned in my report for the week ended March 8, 1902.

Through the courtesy of Hon. R. M. McWade, United States consul at Canton, I have been informed several times of the progress of cholera in Canton and vicinity. These reports indicate that in certain parts of the city the disease is severe and that 9 Europeans have died within a fortnight. The water supply in that city is very low and together with the unhygienic conditions always prevailing are powerful predisposing causes of the outbreak.

It is impossible to estimate or even guess at the number of cases among the Chinese. Because of the outbreak here and at Canton, I was informed by P. A. Surg. J. C. Perry that arrivals from Hongkong would have to undergo quarantine. Fresh food products and articles liable to carry infection have been stopped for the present. Dried food products are allowed to proceed as usual.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Improvement of conditions in Kwang Si.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., April 18, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you, for the information of the U. S. Marine-Hospital Service, that the Department is in receipt of a telegram of the 16th instant, from the consul of the United States at Canton, China, stating "Condition Kwang Si improving."

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Plague at Canton.

[Cablegram.]

CANTON, CHINA, April 24, 1902.—7.42 a. m.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.—Malignant bubonic plague broken out; deaths resulting few hours; new feature bubo instead remaining groin or armpit disappears then reappears different part of body.—MCWADE.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, April 21, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to transmit the following report of the transactions in the district under my command for the week ended April 19, 1902. Fifteen deaths have occurred in this city. Of these, 7 occurred in the civil hospital. Causes of death as follows: Tuberculosis, 6; paludism, 2; insufficiency, aortic, 2; atrepsia, 1; typhoid fever, 1; hemorrhage, cerebral, 1; anæmia, cerebral, 1; tetanus, infantile, 1. Annual death